

**ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY  
COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
6 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
Webex**

Present: District 1 Commissioner Terry Vermeire, District 2 Commissioner Steve Gates, District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart (Chair), District 4 Commissioner Paul Smith), District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte, (Vice-Chair), CEO Bill Everett, County Attorney Krakowka, and Clerk of Commission Lori Sturm

Members of the Press: Kathie Miller, Leader

Members of the Public: Per Sign-In Sheet

**Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission Chair Hart explained the Commission rules of procedure.**

**Commissioner Hart – Roll Call of Commission**

Commissioner Hart – Provided a clarification regarding petition regarding Washington Street. I stated that it was submitted by Paul Puccinelli, but it was not. It was submitted by neighbors.

**The A-DLC Historic Resources Board - Review of Proposals for the ADLC Preservation Plan. (To be awarded at the Commission Meeting 9/15/20)**

Gayla Hess - Provided information about the RFP and the proposals that were received. Based on references and discussion the Historic Resource Board would like to recommend the Lakota group.

Place on Agenda

**Appointments to the Economic Development Board – Bill Everett**

- **Two (2) County Commissioners appointed for a three-year term**
- **Chief Executive or designee appointed for a four-year term**
- **Planning Director or designee appointed for a four-year term**
- **One (1) Legal Representative from A-DLC appointed for a four-year term**
- **One (1) Accounting or Banking Representative from A-DLC appointed for a two-year term.**
- **Director of the Anaconda Local Development Corporation appointed for a two-year term**
- **Two (2) Citizens at Large that resides in A-DLC appointed for a one-year term**

**The following individuals have submitted letters of interest as of September 3, 2020:**

**Jim Davison  
Stefanie Thompson  
John Stoppler  
Pat Gallagher  
Con Malee  
Kristy McKay**

**Commissioner Hart** – There are several positions available; this is a 9-member board. For the Commission representatives it could be myself and maybe Terry Vermeire. The CEO, Carl Hamming as the Planning Director, and Adam Vauthier for the Local Development. The Legal representatives could be Pat Gallagher or John Stoppler. Accounting or Banking could be Kristi McKay and Mr. Stoppler would also qualify. Citizens at Large could be any of the remaining individuals.

- **CEO Everett** – All are great individuals. If you drew straws, you wouldn't go wrong.
- **Kimberly Richardson** – Read a statement from Adam:
- **Rose Nyman** – You may recall that I expressed a concern earlier that it was top heavy with elected officials. Same concern with people being part of local development. This needs a diverse and balanced board.

Place on Agenda

**Resolution No. 20-24 (A), A Resolution Establishing the Mill Levy for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

**John Sholey** – This is an addendum to original done a few weeks ago. No changes to County Funds. The addendum we have added the school district mill levies. These numbers have gone to Office of Public Instruction and have been finalized.

Place on Agenda

**Pioneer Technical Contract to assist the county with a major subdivision in the East Yards.**

**Carl Hamming, Planning Director** – This is for the hotel they are securing about 14 acres in the Phase I. Now we are looking at Phase II. Treat this as a major subdivision to have enough land to convey over. The county wants to further subdivide to seek additional proposals for development. This allows more flexibility to market the land. Pioneer Tech is doing the survey work in regard to the slag pile and it would be logical to continue with Pioneer.

Place on Agenda

**NextGen 9-1-1. Request For Proposal (RFP)**

Carl Hamming – Last May we entered a proposal for grant funding through the 911 program. We have received a little over \$32,000. Now we are looking to go out for proposals

Place on Agenda

**Housing Market Analysis and Study two proposals received: Sanderson Stewart and Cushing Terrell.**

**Kimberly Richardson** – Read Statement from Adam Vauthier. Statement is attached to minutes. Suggest Sanderson Stewart be selected for the project.

- **Rose Nyman** – I also liked Sanderson proposal. They used photos of Anaconda.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Do we know how much grant money has been received for the project?

- **Commissioner Hart** – Hopefully Adam will be available next week.
- **Adam Vauthier text** – Received a \$36,000 grant with \$9,000.00 coming from local development.

**Petition for the Abandonment of a small portion of Deer Lodge Drive, a dead-end spur street that is adjacent to property along Deer Lodge Drive and Harrison Street.**

**Kimberly Richardson** – Read statement from Adam Vauthier: Statement is attached to minutes.

- **CEO Everett**– Had to do some land trading with Local Development Corporation.
- **Commissioner Hart** – The intention from tonight's conversation will be to appoint a commissioner to review this petition and the next item. This will be on next week for the appointment of a commissioner to review.
- **Marilyn Hagan Smith** – Questioned if all owners have been notified.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Landowners that border this road are owned by the Local Development.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Anaconda Local Development Corporation, Deer Lodge County and the space center.

Place on Agenda for a Commissioner to Review

**Petition for the Abandonment of a small portion of Polk Street, a dead-end spur street that is adjacent to property along/near Deer Lodge Drive.**

**Kimberly Richardson** – Read Statement from Adam Vauthier. Statement is attached to minutes.

- **Commissioner Vermeire** - Landowners are Local Development Corporation and Tom Sawyer to the south.
- **Commissioner Hart** - Did Adam tell us the other landowners had been contacted. Do you recall?
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – I don't recall.

**Commissioner Hart** – Place on agenda for a Commissioner to review.

**Amended Petition to Declare Washington Street from Sixth Street to the Alley Between Washington and the Former Seventh Street, A City Street, in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County**

**County Attorney Krakowka** – Follow the same procedure.

**Commissioner Hart** – This will be on next weeks agenda to appoint a commissioner to review the petition and the road as required by MT Code.

There were comments from Jeff Muller, William Butler and an individual whose name I could not hear; they voiced concerns that the western yards were not remediated at AFFCO, there would be an increase in truck traffic, an increase in dust and concerned about the safety of children with excessive traffic. There are 4 accessible gates for AFFCO to use, they do not need a fifth gate. There was also a short discussion about how the property was obtained. Jim Liebetrau responded that he believes that traffic would be reduced and so would the dust; also said that ARCO was preparing to do the reclamation now.

Place on agenda

**Special Event Permit - Request to Close the Alley behind Copper Village for Octoberfest (October 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Kimberly Richardson – Read a statement from Adam Vauthier. Statement is attached to minutes.**

**Commissioner Hart** – Serious concerns about this item and the next. Reported today over 70,000 school age children are testing positive. Feels we are only 2 to 4 weeks away from a second phase. There are thirty inmates at the START program, some employees have tested positive and now we have a first grader. My understanding is the entire first grade is being guaranteed. Large events should be reconsidered and proceed cautiously. Urged people to proceed cautiously.

Place on Agenda

**Request for a donation for a community event to be held October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Anaconda by Downtown Market. – Keenah (Downtown Market)**

Keenah – Explained about the community event and how 20 percent of ticket sales will be donated to the Hearst Library, Anaconda Elks Lodge and Granite County Emergency Medical Services. The event would adhere to the Corona virus recommendations; masks, limited seating, and one-way traffic. Believes this event would help the community.

- **Kathie Miller, Anaconda Leader** – Would the gathering be less than 50 people to comply with the Governors mandate?
- **Keenah** – Explained the seating capacity for the Washoe Theater, the Elks and how many individuals would be allowed at each facility.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Had questions about the downtown market: Where is the downtown market? Notice it is a “for profit” business . . . . Do we make donations to other “for-profit” businesses? Uncomfortable donating to a “for profit” business and some of the proceeds going out of our county.
- **Keenah** – This “For profit” business is to bring entertainment and provide a safe environment. It would be a community effort and a positive way to bring solutions. Explained the reason for bringing in another county. It would provide some funding for volunteer ambulance service.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Echo Commissioner Vermeire’s concerns about donations to a “for profit” businesses. This will encourage people to come from other counties and will make it larger. Still concerned about the COVID virus. We need to proceed cautiously.

Place on the Agenda.

**Expansion of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Fire District**

**Commissioner Hart** – This will be taken off the Agenda. The presentation is not ready and will be discussed at a later date-

**Miscellaneous**

**Commissioner Mike Huotte:** No Miscellaneous

**Commissioner Steve Gates:** No Miscellaneous

**Commissioner Paul Smith:** No Miscellaneous

**Commissioner Vermeire:** Angle of Attack Aeronautics has officially moved to the Bowman airfield. We will now have a fixed base of operation for flight training.

**Commissioner Hart** – No Miscellaneous.

**CEO Everett:** Thanked Terry for a job well done with the Airfield. The Union Avenue Road RFP closes this week on the 10th. We will evaluate those bids and would like to vote on that next week.

- **Commissioner Hart** – Put on agenda as new business

**CEO Everett** – Talked about the Clubhouse at Old Works Golf Course. The Golf course is doing fantastic and now is the perfect time to upgrade the club house. This is a recommendation from the engineer/architect. Would like the new upgrades on the agenda under new business. Briefly talked about the memorial for the Veterans that took place. It was a very cool special event.

Place on the Agenda.

**County Attorney Krakowka:** No Misc.

#### **Public Comment**

**Mandy Boyer Head Start** – At a previous meeting I spoke to the Commission about the expansion grant. The grant application came out about 3 or 4 weeks ago and we have a draft copy ready. Requested to have this on next week's agenda

- **Commissioner Hart** – Place on as new business.
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Our region Anaconda ranks high for getting the expansion grant.

Place on Agenda

**Rose Nyman** – Several things I would like to bring forward:

- Could Golf course do a brief overview for the next meeting. It would be beneficial to have a report
- Explained how the multipurpose structure was used at the Vietnam Memorial event. The multipurpose building was used by the young man representing a war vet and the highway patrol honor guards used the building.
- On the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting the promoter of the baseball silhouette was told he could change the location.

**Commissioner Hart** – What was discussed was a possible relocation. He was asked to submit something in writing to the CEO. Commissioner Hart read the letter from September 1<sup>st</sup> about placing the baseball player near the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and main.

**CEO Everett** – Will get on the next work session.

- **Rose Nyman** – Reviewed minutes that state that the baseball player will be placed at the original site, which is 4<sup>th</sup> and main. I have heard that the second concrete pour is going on tomorrow. Believes there is a safety issue and it would be wise to wait until the pour is done. Also concern about the interpretive signs because at least 2 of them have misinformation. If anyone wants to place a sign, it should go before the Park and Recreation board and have the historic preservation officer review. We can't just start putting up signs that have not been reviewed.
- **Commissioner Hart** – Did Not think there was a vote for placement of the baseball player. Believes the interpretive signs were discussed but not sure if included in the vote for the silhouettes. Anything that happens at the Common needs Commission approval. . Thanked Rose for her efforts with the multipurpose building.

#### ADLC Public Meeting Dates

**Commissioner Hart** read the meeting dates and times.

Asked about the possibility of Old Works Golf Course doing a report.

- **CEO Everett** - Suggested an End of Season report. Right now, would probably be about a month early
- **Commissioner Vermeire** – Old Works Golf Course is having an on-site tour to discuss maintenance tomorrow and a regular meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
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#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Lori Sturm  
Clerk of Commission



Kevin Hart  
Commission Chair